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People's Commissariat of Foreign Trade

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From: OTTAWA

To: MOSCOW

Re: 1594-1595

4 October 1944

[Part I]

To MOLOTOV[i], MINOYAN[ii].

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[58 groups unrecoverable]

organization.

[1 group unrecovered] ROBERTSON[iii] a letter in which he asks for confirmation that the VESOVTIKONOS OB'EDINENIE "MASHINIMPORT" is an agency of the Government of the USSR. ROBERTSON in the letter refers to the bill of the Department no. 178(iv) [1 group unidentified]

[26 groups unrecoverable]

...[a] may authorize the Minister of Finance to:

[D/A] guarantees the obligations of the government or an agency of the government of any ...[a] [6 groups unrecovered] cost of Canadian goods, [7 groups unrecovered] contract ...[a]

[13 groups unrecoverable]

guarantees ...[a] [9 groups unrecovered] government [5 groups unrecovered] with the above-mentioned."

[1 group unidentified] that to the inquiry of Comrade KROTOV[v] -- telegram no. 829 of 22 May, in which was [1 group unidentified] the request of the Deputy Minister of Finance CLARK[vi] to confirm that "MASHINIMPORT" is a government agency or corporation which is under the full ownership and control

[12 groups unrecovered]

, which [2 groups unrecovered] the fact that "MASHINIMPORT" is an agency of the Soviet Government," Comrade MINOYAN on 30 May in telegram no. 637 permitted Comrade KROTOV to advise CLARK

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[Part II]

Upon [1 group unidentified] of these, Comrade KROTOV in a letter advised [2 groups unrecovered] as above. Consequently, [5 groups unrecovered] is a government organization. It is necessary

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[2 groups unrecovered], [6 groups unrecovered] to the Canadian Government [3 groups unrecovered] and [4 groups unrecovered] that obligation, about which [1 group unidentified] in paragraph "A" of article 22[b]

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between the Governments of the USSR and Canada [3 groups unrecovered] Canadian [1 group unrecovered] to the Soviet Union, then an agreement will be [2 groups unrecovered] also on the abovementioned orders of MASHINODPORT with Canadian firms." R.(vii) in

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to refrain from comment [4 groups unrecovered] this for the future (UNTIL A LATER STAGE(a))

[21 groups unrecoverable]

, inasmuch as 5 October

[12 groups unrecovered]

KROTOV, SERGEY(viii)

Notes: (a) The punctuation mark ...(ellipsis) is represented in this message by spelling out its Russian designation.
(b) This is the portion of the Export Credits Insurance Act which is being quoted in Part I of this message.
(c) Given in English.

Comments:

- (i) MOLOTOV: People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs.
- (ii) MINOVSKI: People's Commissar of Foreign Trade.
- (iii) ROBBERSON: Norman ROBBERSON of the Canadian Department of External Affairs.
- (iv) The Export Credits Insurance Act, passed by the House of Commons on 2 August 1944 as Bill 178.
- (v) KROTOV: Commercial Counsellor of the Soviet Embassy in OTTAWA.
- (vi) CLARK: W.C. CLARK, Canadian Deputy Minister of Finance.
- (vii) R.: i.e. ROBBERSON.
- (viii) SERGEY: Vasiliy Alekseevich SERGEY, Deputy People's Commissar of Foreign Trade, on visit to OTTAWA at this time.

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